

Brooklyn, June 8, 1836.

My dear Henry:

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A fine, tender, solicitous, attentive brother-in-law is W. L. G.! Don't blame me over-much, because I am disposed to sit severely in judgment upon myself. It is too bad to be named in a christian age, (fortunately for me, in this instance, it is the age of enlightened heathenism,) that I should have left you so poor an invalid, and resided a fortnight in Boston, and not transmitted to you a single line either by way of inquiry or intelligence! It looks hard-hearted - it is undeniably "scandalous," "abominable." Not a word did I send you about our great Convention, although I knew that your heart was in it, and that nothing but illness kept you ~~from~~ away, and that the smallest amount of information respecting it would have been highly acceptable. Nevertheless, I love you, and sympathize with you, and congratulate you if you are better for your botanical treatment. A part of the time I was quite unwell in Boston, and therefore took no public part in the doings of the N. E. Convention. All the time I was busy enough, and had to be careful that I did not neglect my wife, she expecting a letter from me every other day; and as Anna wrote me that she was quite sick, I felt that prompt epistolary attention was specially due to her. But, acknowledging that you ought to have received at least one letter from me, and did not, I shall make no more excuses.

Doubtless you have perceived by a late Liberator, that a letter for you, from George Thompson, has been received at Boston. A considerable portion of it was inserted in the paper: another portion related to a settlement between Joseph Phillips of London and myself, respecting some anti-slavery books and seals, belonging to the former, which I brought over with me for sale on commission, but which still remain unsold, with some exceptions. G. T. has acted very generously in this matter, as you will perceive when you come to understand ~~the whole matter~~ all the circumstances. A settlement has been satisfactorily made, and thus a burden removed from my mind.

G. T. speaks of "your very interesting and affectionate letter of the 26th Feb. for which he most sincerely thanks you." He says, moreover — "I am much pleased with your letter. Your style is excellent. Go on — study to improve. You will scarcely need the notes you speak of, but I may yet send you a batch." When we write to him, he wishes us to address our letters as follows — "Care of William Somerville, Jr. 8 St. David-Street, Edinburgh." He says he has not received a single copy of the Liberator since the arrival of Mrs. Thompson! — By the way, she has given him another pledge of affection somewhat quickly. The new comer is to be called after me — quite a friendly retort, and as prompt as it is friendly. You have now about the sum total of his letter.

Our esteemed friend Thomas Spencer, of Salem, sailed for Liverpool last week, carrying with him many letters, newspapers, and all sorts of anti-slavery publications, for G. T. I sent eight or ten letters by him — another reason why I was so busy in Boston, to the neglect of Henry Egbert Benson.

Three or four more letters have just been received from friend Buffum, respecting his accounts. We have agreed to leave the matter out for arbitration, probably to the following persons — James Mott, Thomas Shipley, and Joseph Cassey. It is very important that either Knapp, myself, or you, should immediately hasten on to P. to state our case to the referees — otherwise, A. B. will have clearly an advantage over us, in being able to make verbal statements which may require verbal answers. Now, it will be impracticable for Knapp, and difficult for me, to go on at present. How is it with you? Are you well enough to travel? And do you feel willing to visit P. without delay, at our expense, and have this unpleasant affair satisfactorily settled. If so, let me know, and Knapp also, as soon as possible. You can take all the letters of A. B., and also a written statement from me to lay before the arbitrators. Nothing more, I presume, will be needed. Should you go on to P., I will

give you a letter to James Mott, who will be highly pleased to receive you under his hospitable roof.

My catarrh is decidedly better. I think it has been benefited by Dr. Mc Intyre's prescriptions. My nose is improving in its appearance externally, and is somewhat better internally, so that I have some hopes of a complete cure — provided I can and do refrain from picking it. When brother George comes up to B., I wish he would bring with him some more of that preparation for my nose, as I have used up the little box which the Dr. gave me. The medicine for my blood is not all gone, as I am using it somewhat slowly. I am living very simply — abstaining from meat, tea, coffee, &c. &c. I think I shall suffer less in Boston than in Brooklyn from my catarrh, as vegetable matter is apt to affect those who have this complaint.

Dear Helen was very ill while I was in Boston, but is now better, though very far from being in good health. She is now quite slender in appearance. Our babe is blessed with good health, a good disposition, and the kind attention of many good friends. Unless a father's partiality blinds me, he is an uncommonly fine child. — Grandfather dotes upon him.

Bro. May with his family comes to Brooklyn on Friday or Saturday, reluctantly but necessarily, to discharge his engagements to his people. All our abolition friends, both male and female, are lamenting over his return, but we cannot help it. I shall yet expect to see him once more wholly enlisted in our sacred cause.

I shall remain in Brooklyn until the warm weather is over. Then we must all return to Boston. Do you think you shall be able to talk bold again at 46, Washington-street?

I am engaged to deliver an address on the 4th of July at Fall River. When does the Fall River boat leave Providence?

You may tell Dr. Mc Intyre that I could not take his medicines as he directed me, - a table spoonful three times a day, - as it created pain in my stomach like the colic. I take a spoonful about once day. It operates as a purge.

Little Anne has been a little unwell for a week past but nothing serious. All the rest of the family are well as usual.

What "a long spell of weather" we have had! Wind east for more than three weeks. Yesterday, it got round to West.

Brooklyn Ct
June 9
Single - Paid
Mr. Henry C. Benson,
Care of Benson & Co.,
Providence,
R.I.

Our Board have elected friend Tillson to supply your place at 46, until your wishes or expectations are made known to them. They most earnestly desire your return - but should you not deem it prudent, Tillson will remain at the room permanently.

We are anxious to hear respecting bro. Benson's health; hope he will not attempt to be well when he is really ill.

With much love to him, and kind regards to Charlotte and her husband, the dwellers in Pleasant Valley, &c. &c. I remain,
Yours, affectionately,
Wm. Lloyd Garrison.